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September 28, 2001, via Express Mail

Commissioner of Patents  
Box **PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington DC 20231  
Re: Patent Application **09/923,249** of  
**Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.,**  
**Newcomer Products, Inc., and**  
**U.S. Synthetics, Inc.** filed 08/ 03/ 2001  
Inventorship: **Boyce (James E. Boyce)**  
Title: **Shaped Cutting-Grade Inserts**  
**with Transitionless Diamond-**  
**Enhanced Surface Layer (Docket No. SC-00-08)**

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Honorable Commissioner:

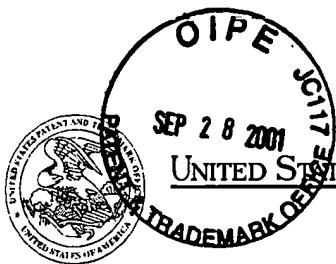
Enclosed are a signed original Declaration and Power of Attorney, and an executed Assignment (with Form PTO-1595 cover sheet).

These papers are being filed in response to a **Notice of Missing Parts** mailed 09/ 13/ 01 (copy attached). Any extension of time necessary for the consideration of these papers is hereby respectfully requested. Also enclosed is a check for the filing fee plus surcharge. (Please charge any additional fee needed to complete filing, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-2320.) The correct amount of fee is believed to be as follows (but in any case the Commissioner is requested to grant any extension necessary to prevent abandonment).

FEE CALCULATION - LARGE ENTITY			
Basic Filing Fee			\$710
Independent Claims:	4 - 3 =	1 @\$80 =	\$80
Fee for Filing Missing Parts:			\$130
Recordation of Assignment:			\$40
<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>			<b>\$960</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$80.
  - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 920.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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